

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and the remarks below.

Status of the Claims

In the present Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended. Also, claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 19 are presently canceled. Claims 2, 3 and 17 were previously canceled, all cancellations being without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Thus, claims 1, 4-8, 11 and 14-15 are pending in the present application.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendment to the claims. Claims 1, 6 and 11 merely incorporate the subject matter from claim 16 (for component (B)). Applicants note that claims 16, 18 and 19 have allowable subject matter (see paragraph 8 of the Office Action).

Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Objection to Specification

The Examiner states that "having" at line 3 of the present Abstract should be replaced with "consisting essentially of" (see paragraph 5 of the outstanding Office Action). However, Applicants note that legal phraseology are not to be used pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 608.01(b)(C). If needed, clarification is respectfully requested.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 9-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aoki '386 (U.S. 2002/0013386 A1) in view of JP '995 (JP 05-004995) (see paragraph 6 of the Office Action).

Also, claims 1 and 4-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori¹ in view of Dalbe (WO 00/32694; newly cited; hereinafter "Dalbe '694"; U.S. Patent No. 6,777,471 is cited as the U.S. equivalent) (see paragraph 9 of the Office Action).

Applicants respectfully traverse and refer the Examiner to the claims as presented herein. The allowable subject matter of claim 16 has been incorporated into the claims (see the Office Action at page 5, lines 11-14 regarding component B)), thereby overcoming all of these rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

¹ Applicants note that this reference could not be located. Clarification is requested if necessary.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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